

SF PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

ED-US020437

Hirotaka FUKUSHIMA : Patent Art Unit: 3681

Serial No. 10/810,709 : Examiner: Saul Rodriguez

Filed: March 29, 2004 :

For: FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and requests that it be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. A copy of the Korean Office Action is attached.

Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waives the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (2) (i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. Patent and each U.S. patent application publication.

No fee is believed to be required in view of the above certification. However, Applicants authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the Petition fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) if required and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Korean Patent Publication KR1999-023319 is equivalent to U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0004956, a copy of which is provided as a translation.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication JP-H14-266943 is equivalent to U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0128073, a copy of which is provided as a translation.

## Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd M. Guise Reg. No. 46,748

SHINJYU GLOBAL IP COUNSELORS, LLP 1233 Twentieth Street, NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036

(202)-293-0444

Dated: ///0/05

G:\12-DEC05-NAT\ED-US020437 IDS.doc

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Complete if Known

Application Number 10/810,709

Filing Date March 29, 2004

First Named Inventor Hirotaka FUKUSHIMA

Group Art Unit 3681

Examiner Name Saul Rodriguez

Attorney Docket Number ED-US020437

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
Examiner Initials *		Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		Cited Document		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
-		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
	<b>†</b>	US-				

		FOREIGN PA	TENT DOCU	MENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		KR1999-023319	03-25-1999	JACKEL et al.		YES
	<del></del>	JP-H10-231897	09-02-1998	TAKEUCHI		YES
		JP-H14-266943	09-18-2002	HASHIMOTO		YES
						<del> </del>

Examiner	Date
Signature	Considered

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.